(*b*) Owing to extensive reservation of forest lands, the available extent of grazing lands has become very small. The cattle of some villages in the open country have at present no shelter in the rainy season and several of them are lost by exposure to wind and rain. The superabundance of dry grass in State forests in summer is one of the causes for forest fires resulting in the loss of valuable species of forest growth. The old rate of grazing fees of 1 anna may be revived as it is sure to bring enhanced revenue under this head.

*Reply of Government.*—Orders have been passed reducing the rate to 2 annas per cart-load of fuel (*vide* Government Order No. R. 1728-9—Ft. 188-12-4, dated 21st August 1913).

If any particular instances of hardship are brought to notice, they will be given due consideration.

SUBJECT No. 318.

A full-time Vice-President for the Shimoga municipality.

(1) Mr. G. Chandappa, Shimoga municipality.
(2) Mr. P. Venkappayya, Shimoga municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) The sanitary condition of Shimoga town is anything but satisfactory. Vacant sites full of rank vegetation and pools of stagnant water abound in the town, and the refuse of the town is allowed to collect in such places. The streets in some places are very miry and malodorous with cattle droppings. The storm water is not properly drained off, and this adds to the unhealthiness of the town. Plague and cholera carry away many victims every year. It seems therefore necessary to have a full-time Vice-President to look after the conservancy and drainage of the town. The Treasury Assistant Commissioner who is the *Ex-officio* Vice-President scarcely finds time in the midst of his Treasury and Magisterial duties and the work of the Deputy Commissioner's office to devote proper attention to the requirements of the town. It is therefore prayed that a full-time Vice-President may be appointed for this town as in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore.

(2) A full-time Vice-President with magisterial powers may be appointed for the town of Shimoga. Half of his salary may be met from Municipal Funds and the other half from State Funds.

*Reply of Government.*—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 319.

Improvement of the Shimoga town.

(1) Mr. C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board.
(2) Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality.
(3) Messrs. P. Venkappayya, Shimoga municipality and K. Shankarnarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) The town needs improvement as regards water-supply, drainage, etc., and it is prayed that early action may be taken in these matters.

(2) The scheme for the drainage of the town was said to be under investigation last year. It appears that the project is ready and that funds are also available. Information is requested as to when the work will be

started. Every rainy season threatens the townspeople with malaria and other diseases. Even the storm water is not drained off, and at times when the river over-flows its banks, pools of water are formed, and the water so impounded remains for months together even after the rainy season closes. Consequently rank vegetation and all varieties of mosquitoes and other pests flourish in abundance in the town. Unless the stagnant water is effectually drained off, there is no hope of improvement in the health of the town.

(3) The provision of a proper drainage for this town may kindly be undertaken early. The subject appears to be still under correspondence. Unless proper steps are taken to drain off the storm water which at present stagnates in the pools that form in the town in the rainy season, the sanitary condition of the town cannot be improved.

*Reply of Government.*—The scheme is under consideration and will be dealt with expeditiously.

SUBJECT No. 320.

Water-supply to Shimoga.

(1) Messrs. S. Seetharamiah and A Cheluvaiengar, Shimoga taluk, C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board.

(2) Messrs. G. Chandappa and P. Venkappayya, Shimoga municipality

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) Though the water works of Shimoga town were started about three years ago no action has been taken to provide house connections and to increase the number of taps both in the old town and in the new extension as requisitioned for by the municipality. The Water Works Department may be kindly ordered to attend to the requisitions of the municipality in this respect at an early date.

(2) There are about 24 taps at present for the whole town proper, and these are fixed at inconvenient places. In thickly populated places like the petta and the Brahmin street, one tap may be provided for every 15 houses. The waste water collecting from the taps in the side drains has no outlet and renders the town insanitary. Steps may be taken for draining off such water effectively. House connection may be caused to be supplied when applied for by the house owners.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be considered if the municipality sends up schemes.

SUBJECT No. 321.

Improvement of the town of Kallurkatte.

Messrs. Mylarappa and N. Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Although Kallurkatte was formed the headquarter of the Nagar taluk in 1893, proper facilities have not been afforded for the improvement of the town. The following facilities may be afforded to intending house-builders in this town, most of whom are poor persons :—

(1) Building sites may be granted either free of cost or at nominal rates.